

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: David S. Breed et al.  
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For: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR  
CONTROLLING DEPLOYMENT OF A  
SIDE AIRBAG

**LETTER TO EXAMINER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 14, 2000

Dear Sir:

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/437,535. The claims of this application are drafted to include subject matter the Examiner indicated would be allowable in the '535 application. Specifically, claims 1, 5, 10, 11, 17, 24, 28, 31, 32, 37 and 41 are the independent claims whereby claim 1 includes the subject matter of claims 1, 2 and 4 of the '535 application, claim 5 includes the subject matter of claims 1, 2 and 5 of the '535 application, claim 10 includes the subject matter of claims 1 and 9 of the '535 application, claim 11 includes the subject matter of claims 10, 11 and 13 of the '535 application, claim 17 includes the subject matter of claims 10, 11 and 14 of the '535 application, claim 24 includes the subject matter of claims 20, 21 and 23 of the '535 application, claim 28 includes the subject matter of claims 20, 21 and 26 of the '535 application, claim 31 includes the subject matter of claims 20 and 27 of the '535 application, claim 32 includes the subject matter of claims 28, 29 and 31 of the '535

application, claim 37 includes the subject matter of claims 28, 29 and 34 of the '535 application and claim 41 includes the subject matter of claims 28 and 35 of the '535 application.

As such, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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